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## **VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Jeff Jordan
Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 "E" Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR 5952

Dear Mr. Jordan:

We represent Californians for Fair Election Reform ("CFER"), its chairman Tom Steyer, and Christopher Lehane, a consultant to CFER. Both CFER and Messrs. Steyer and Lehane have been named as respondents in a complaint filed by Ray Haynes. Mr. Haynes alleges that CFER and Messrs. Steyer and Lehane, together with CFER's supporters Nancy Parrish, Warren Hellman and Norman Lear, have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act. Aside from baseless innuendo, Mr. Haynes offers absolutely no support for his reckless charges.

A group of concerned Californians led by Mr. Steyer established CFER to oppose the qualification of a ballot measure designed to allocate California's electoral votes based on the winner of the popular vote in each congressional district. Because only two other states (Maine and Nebraska) have similar systems, CFER believes that the measure, called the Presidential Election Reform Act, would be detrimental to California's interests and to the goal of a fair election. To assist it, CFER retained Mr. Lehane, a prominent political consultant with considerable experience in California politics. Contrary to the suggestion in Mr. Hayne's letter, Mr. Lehane does not work for Senator Clinton or her presidential campaign.

CFER is comprised of a variety of supporters from across the range of the political spectrum, including Mr. Hellman, historically a supporter of Republican candidates (Mr. Hellman has served as a member of Republican Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's transition team and was also appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger to the California Commission for Jobs and Economic Growth). Indeed, some of CFER's supporters, including

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Mr. Lear, have not endorsed any candidate for President and have contributed to a variety of candidates, including Senator's Clinton's opponents in the Democratic primary. CFER's goal is to defeat an ill-conceived ballot measure that is designed to give the Republican Party an unfair advantage in how votes are counted in presidential campaigns, not to favor a particular candidate for President. Simply put, there is no basis for Mr. Haynes' charges.

If you would like additional information about CFER, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely.

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